(c) whether there is any proposal to bring the ancillary industry under the priority sector; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and if not, what are the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO & RURAL INDUSTRIES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. J. KURIEN) : (a) Government is already extending various concessions to the small scale sector in terms of excise exemption, income-tax benefits, priority sector lending and other incentives, benefits and concessions in areas of marketing, technical services and other support services.

(b) Yes, Sir. Government have received some representations for enhancement in the existing level of investment in plant and machinery for small scale industries. The limits in terms of investment in plant & machinery for small scale and ancillary industrial undertakings were revised on 2-4-1991. Hence, there is no proposal at present to increase the existing level of investment limits for small scale and ancillary industrial undertakings.

(c) and (d) The Ancillary Industrial Undertakings are already covered under the classification of priority sector for credit lending purposes. As per the existing Reserve Bank of India directions, small scale industries with investment in plant & machinery not exceeding Rs. 35 lacs and ancillary industrial undertakings with investment in plant & machinery not exceeding Rs. 45 lacs are covered under priority sector lending by Scheduled Banks.

Indian Tractors

1713. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian tractors have not been commented upon favourably in the global markket in terms of finish;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Govt. is not aware of any adverse comment in terms of finish of Indian tractors in the global market.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Decreasing sales of Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan, New Delhi

1714. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that sales of Khadi Gramodyog Bhawan, New Delhi are decreasing;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the prices of Khadi have been increased causing decline in the sales of Khadi in quantity as well as in amount; and

(d) whether Government propose to enquire into the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO & RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. J. KURIEN) : (a) Total sales of Khadi and Village Industries articles in Khadi Gramodyog Bhawan, New Delhi are increasing from year to year as can be seen from the following figures :

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Total Sales
1989-90	953.07
1990-91	1073.28
991-92	1337.04 (Provisional)